

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. - 12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A convertible vehicle comprising:
a carbody;
a retractable top connected to the carbody;
a top compartment provided in the carbody, wherein the retractable top in a folded-down position of the retractable top is stowed in the top compartment;
a top compartment lid for closing the top compartment, wherein the top compartment lid extends within a rear carbody contour of the carbody;
a holding-down device arranged between the top compartment lid and the retractable top, wherein the holding-down device in a holding-down position is placed onto the retractable top stowed in the top compartment when closing the top compartment lid;
wherein the holding-down device comprises a counter member that is pivotably supported on the top compartment lid so as to be pivotable from a position parallel to the top compartment lid into a position perpendicular to the top compartment lid and further comprises a support part that is movable jointly with the retractable top and is connectable to the counter member in the folded-down position of the retractable top.

14. (currently amended) The convertible vehicle according to claim 13, wherein the support part and the counter member are transferred jointly into the holding-down position by a connecting engagement generated ~~at least phase-wise~~ when closing the top compartment lid.

15. (currently amended) The convertible vehicle according to claim 13, wherein, when the top compartment lid is closed, the counter member is moved on a first movement path toward the support part provided on the retractable top, wherein at the end of the first movement path the counter member and the support part reach ~~the~~ a connecting engagement causing a relative movement between the support part and the counter member and, subsequently, the retractable top is secured by the top compartment lid.

16. (previously presented) The convertible vehicle according to claim 13, wherein, when the top compartment lid carries out a closing movement or an opening movement, the counter member is imparted with a pivot-push movement carried out by the

top compartment lid.

17. (previously presented) The convertible vehicle according to claim 13, wherein the counter member is embodied as a pivot support pivotably supported on a support axis on an underside of the top compartment lid, wherein the pivot support has a free end adapted to be placed against the support part that is substantially stationarily secured.

18. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ convertible vehicle comprising: according to claim 17,

a carbody;

a retractable top connected to the carbody;

a top compartment provided in the carbody, wherein the retractable top in a folded-down position of the retractable top is stowed in the top compartment;

a top compartment lid for closing the top compartment, wherein the top compartment lid extends within a rear carbody contour of the carbody;

a holding-down device arranged between the top compartment lid and the retractable top, wherein the holding-down device in a holding-down position is placed onto the retractable top stowed in the top compartment when closing the top compartment lid;

wherein the holding-down device comprises a counter member pivotably supported on the top compartment lid and a support part that is movable jointly with the retractable top and is connectable to the counter member in the folded-down position of the retractable top;

wherein the counter member is embodied as a pivot support pivotably supported on a support axis on an underside of the top compartment lid, wherein the pivot support has a free end adapted to be placed against the support part that is substantially stationarily secured;

wherein the pivot support resting against the support part is pivotable by a substantially horizontal push movement of the top compartment lid into the holding-down position.

19. (previously presented) The convertible vehicle according to claim 17, wherein the pivot support comprises a shaped profile part engaging the support part.

20. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ convertible vehicle comprising: according

to claim 17,

a carbody;

a retractable top connected to the carbody;

a top compartment provided in the carbody, wherein the retractable top in a folded-down position of the retractable top is stowed in the top compartment;

a top compartment lid for closing the top compartment, wherein the top compartment lid extends within a rear carbody contour of the carbody;

a holding-down device arranged between the top compartment lid and the retractable top, wherein the holding-down device in a holding-down position is placed onto the retractable top stowed in the top compartment when closing the top compartment lid;

wherein the holding-down device comprises a counter member pivotably supported on the top compartment lid and a support part that is movable jointly with the retractable top and is connectable to the counter member in the folded-down position of the retractable top;

wherein the counter member is embodied as a pivot support pivotably supported on a support axis on an underside of the top compartment lid, wherein the pivot support has a free end adapted to be placed against the support part that is substantially stationarily secured;

wherein the pivot support comprises a restoring spring pivoting the pivot support relative to the top compartment lid.

21. (previously presented) The convertible vehicle according to claim 17, wherein the pivot support is secured by a support frame on the top compartment lid.

22. (previously presented) The convertible vehicle according to claim 17, wherein the pivot support has means that is adapted to impart an adjustable holding-down force onto the retractable top.

23. (previously presented) The convertible vehicle according to claim 17, wherein the support part is a locking member of a top closure of the retractable top, wherein the locking member is supported on a forward transverse frame part of the retractable top.